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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL PREP MEETING -- FOOD AID PAPER

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE INTENDED SUPPLEMENT AND UPDATE DRAFT POSITION PAPER THIS TOPIC PREPARED IN EB/OFP. DOCUMENT WFC/21 HAS BEEN POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT. COMMENTS FOLLOW TOPICLA ORDERING THAT PAPER.

2. FOOD AID TARGET. AS EXPLAINED CFA, ANTICIPATED US GRAINS FOOD AID FOR 1975/76 CAN BE SHOWN EITHER AS 7 MILLION TONS (FOR 15 MONTHS) OR 6 MILLION TONS (FOR 12 MONTHS), WITH APPROPRIATE FOOT NOTE. FAO TABLES NOW SHOW 6.2 MILLION TONS FOR 15 MONTHS.

3. FORWARD PLANNING FO FOOD AID. STATEMENT THAT FAC NOW EXTENDED TO 1978 NOT TECHNICALLY CORRECT. JUNE 18 IS DATE FOR DEPOSIT OF RATIFICATIONS, APPLICATIONS, ETC. ASSUMING FAC EXTENDED ALL ITS SIGNATORIES ARE COMMITTED TO STIPULATED AMOUNTS THROUGH 1977/78 -- THUS JOINING CANADA AND SWEDEN (ALSO MEMBERS OF FAC) IN
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IMPLEMENTATION THIS RECOMMENDATION, IN US CASE, OF COURSE,

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FAC OBLIGATION IS SUBSTANTIALLY BELOW WHAT WE EXPECT TO BE
ABLE TO DO. WHILE US NOT ABLE MAKE COMMITMENTS OVERALL PROGRAM
SIZE BEYOND CURRENT YEAR, AND THESE SUBJECT TO USUAL CAVEATS,
USDEL MAY WANT TO NOTE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT LAST YEAR REGAR-
DING 4 MILLION TONS AS WELL AS FACT US ESTABLISHES AND MAKES
PUBLIC FOOD AID INTENTIONS UNDER NEW BUDGET PROCEDURES APPROXI-
MATELY 8 MONTHS PRIOR TO EACH FISCAL YEAR.

4. CHANNELING FOOD AID THROUGH WFP. YOU HAVE US POSITION AS
STATED AT CFA.

5. CASH CONTRIBUTIONS. AT CFA USDEL REGRETTED LACK OF NEW CASH
DONORS WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION SAUDI ARABIA. IN DISCUSSION 500,000
TON EMERGENCY RESERVE CANADA ASKED WHETHER WFP SECRETARIAT HAD
EXPLICITLY REQUESTED CONTRIBUTIONS FROM NEWLY RICH AND CENTRAL
PLAN COUNTRIES, AS IT DID WITH RESPECT TRADITIONAL DONORS.
ANSWER WAS NEGATIVE BUT NOT PRECLUSIVE. WITH RESPECT NEW CASH
CONTRIBUTIONS TO WFP, INDIAN DEL QUESTIONED WHTHER NEWLY RICH
WERE AS ABLE AS TRADITIONAL DONORS TO PROVIDE INCREASED AMOUNTS OF
COMMODITIES/FUNDING FOR FOOD AID.

6. FOOD AID TARGETS FOR OTHER COMMODITIES. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
FAVORED ESTABLISHING TARGETS FOR DAIRY PRODUCTS, OILS AND FATS,
AND FISH. DONOR COUNTRIES GENERALLY HESITANT, BUT ONLY US AND JAPAN
NEGATIVE. NO DECISION TAKEN EXCEPT FURTHER STUDY AND RECONSIDER-
ATION AT FALL MEETING CFA. SEE SEPTEL.

7. INTERNATIONAL RESERVE FOR EMERGENCIES. DEBATE NOT YET CONCLUDED.
SEPTEL TO FOLLOW.

8. AN IMPROVED POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR FOOD AID. IMPLICATIONS
OF THIS SECTION POTENTIALLY OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE, BUT
SUPERFICIALLY IT DOES NOT GIVE US PROBLEMS. WE CAN SUPPORT,
WITH LITTLE IF ANY CHANGE, THE WORDING OF OBJECTIVES IN PARA
22 AND THE SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE CFA ACTION IN PARA 29. AT
HEART OF DEBATE IS EXTENT TO WHICH US AND OTHER MAJOR DONORS
ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT MULTILATERAL DECISION-INVOLVEMENT, IF NOT
DECISION-MAKING,
ON FOOD AID MATTERS. RELATED ISSUES ARE THE RELATIONSHIP OF FOOD
AID TO WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF DONOR
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OBLIGATIONS, IF IN FACT THEY ARE TO BE VIEWED AS SUCH.

9. CFA DEBATE ON ITEM 6(A) -- IMPLEMENTATION OF FOOD AID
RECOMMENDATIONS IN WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 18 --
THROW SOME LIGHT ON ALIGNMENTS AND POSITIONS THIS ISSUE IN COUNCIL.
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, LED BY INDIA, PAKISTAN, GUINEA AND INDONESIA,
WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM SWEDEN, TOOK VIEW THAT WFC RECOMMENDATIONS
CONSTITUTE BINDING IMPERATIVES AND THAT IT NOT SUFFICIENT FOR CFA

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TO SIMPLY RECORD AND REPORT PROGRESS. IT MUST TAKE LEAD IN IMPROVING PERFORMANCE BY DONORS. BOTH PAKISTAN AND INDIA SUGGESTED THAT PRESENT GRAINS TARGET INADEQUATE AND THAT CFA SHOULD STUDY POSSIBLE UPWARD REVISION. BOTH CALLED FOR EVENTUAL RENEGOTIATION OF FOOD AID CONVENTION TO COVER GRAINS TARGET. IN PUBLIC SESSIONS ONLY US AMONG DONORS TOOK EXPLICIT EXCEPTION TO SOME ELEMENTS OF FOOD CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS BUT THERE WAS SUBSTANTIALLY WIDER BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORT FROM THE EEC COUNTRIES, CANADA AND JAPAN. SUPPORT FOR US POSTIONS BECAME MORE OVERT WITH RESPECT TO NEW SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON EMERGENCY RESERVE AND TARGETS FOR H OTHER COMMODITIES.VOLPE

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